Imbalance in provision of loans and Farm Sector

2567. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farm sector is receiving less bank loans as compared to large and big industries;

(b) if so, whether Government are ready to do away with this imbalance;

(c) whether Government have received the views/reports of some State Goverments in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Central Government to increase loan facilities among farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) According to the Report on Currency and Finance 1993-94 prepared by Reserve Bank of India data regarding gross bank credit to agriculture sector as well as medium and large industries is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Landing to agriculture sector	Landing to medium and large industries
March 1992	18157	47090
March 1993	19963	58636
March 1994	21208	57872

It may be seen from the above data that there has been continuous increase in the gross bank credit to agriculture sector. Credit is made available to all sectors of economy as per the requirement of individual activities which are otherwise found to be financially and technically viable.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Simplification of loaning procedure introduction of pass-book system to the loanee farmers, disposal of application for loan in a time bound frame, non-insistence of security for short-term and long-term loans upto Rs. 15000/where movable assets are created, are some of the various steps taken to increase the loaning facility to the farmers.

Implementation of Integrated Pest Management Scheme

2568. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to identify 50 districts all over the country for implementing integrated pest management scheme;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted in selecting the districts;

(c) the States in which these districts have been selected;

(d) the number of districts in the state of Madhya Pradesh which have been selected;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have also decided to award a cash prize to the best village which had been adopting organic farming and minimum use of pesticides in the country; and

(f) the other incentives proposed to be provided under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Sir, during 1995-96 a total of 441 districts have been selected on the basis of pesticides consumption for implementing integrated pest management scheme.

(c) The Programme is under implementation in practically all the States.

(d) In Madhya Pradesh, a total of 28 districts have been selected.

(e) and (f) For promoting organic farming, there is a provision to award cash prizes to the best panchayat and farmers at the National and State levels under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme titled "Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers".

IPM kits, publicity material (farmers field guide, poster etc.), and non-chemical inputs like pheromones biocides and biological control agents are provided free of cost to the farmers under IPM scheme.

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